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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 29, 2005
which time for response, as extended by a Petition for a two
month extension of time filed concurrently herewith expires
January 29, 2006, please amend the claims in conformity with the
following Listing of Claims and the indication of allowable
subject matter and consider the following Remarks: